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CERISTMAS, 1898.

This Christmas, which, as time rolls on, will live in memory as that of the year of the Spanish-American war, happens to fall on a Sunday, and, werefore, ought to be doubly sacred. But, as a matter of fact, with many persons Power, should exercise control over the there will be a fierce struggle between waterway and banks of the canal; (3) revenue appear under the headings of the reverent spirit and the inclination to indulge in the joviality characteristic of her power of control, it should be offered

covering it we cannot give. Much de-pends upon one's age, disposition, and of American and other vessels. Then the environments; but it would be a safe Spectator proceeds to argue that when rule for all to follow, to remember that here we have two holy days comblned in one, and that of all times this is the one when selishness more appropriate than that the other half and heartlessness are the least excusable. Whoever disturbs others in the reasonable enjoyment of the day, and for his or her own selfish pleasure robs them of their happiness has not the slightest comprehension of the true meaning of the word Christmas.

That much, at least, we may say in furthering the general wish that to-day's observance may be worthy of the religion we profess; the Prince of Peace, whose birth it commemorates, and a community which has ever prided itself upon knowing the difference between liberty and license.

The children of to-day will be the old folks some decades hence and will look back to their Christmases as to the joy spots in their lives-if they have been well observed; with grief and shame, if ill observed.

Childhood's Christmases are slow to fade from memory. Impressions then made fall upon tablets that are as wax to receive and as flint to hold. The odor of cedar brings back the fragrance of ding mother made every little trinket for it says: "Joint control, in the first by-gone times, when a poor, patient, plodfor the Christmas-tree that was to welcome her children's eyes at dawn. A thousand recollections stored away in the mysterious cells of the brain come trooping out at the sight of a row of children's stockings hung by the chimneypiece. The boy with the drum; the girl with a dollsh, we have known their predecessors. They speak to us of halycon days and of a home circle long since broken and scat-

Christmas is not generally spoken of as a reminiscential season, but it is. At no other time do elderly people think so much of their own childhood's days. Many a boy and girl to-day will receive an extra fine present, because some old Scrooge has had his flinty heart melted by turning over in his memory the recollection of his own far-past Christmases.

Such retrospections are not aiways joyous. Far from it. There is much to lament that we have found out who Santa Claus is; much to regret that with increased knowledge, increased happiness has not come. But still our experience sught to be worth semething; at least, It should teach us the beauty and holiness of trying to make others happy. That is the true Christman spirft. That is the doctrine and life-teaching of our Baviour. Envy, selfishness, and uncharitableness ought to have no place in our hearts to-day. For once in our lives we should test the plan of gaining happiness

If you are not ready to enjoy Christmas, something is wrong with you. Find out what it is. Search your heart. Seaif you are a crank. If you find that you are (and you are more likely to get that information from friends than through introspection), remember that the true for the abrogation of the treaty. Even atmosphere of Christmas is a panacea if Great Britain's claim is untenable, we for that malady. If you are poor, bear it bravely, and don't be envious. Enjoy by meeting her half way. On the conwhat you maye, and cheerfully hope for trary, we do see that much might be gain-better things. If you are rich and are ad by so doing.

from the happiness we give others,

sated with the good things of this world. try paimistry-that is, try the curativa effect of an open hand, worked in conjunction with an open heart. And don't strain your eyesight to pieces looking for "the worth, poor." That is the best sort of course, but at Christmas almost any sort will do.

To-day is the Christmas of the saints; to-morrow is the legal hollday. Some modes of celebration that might do very well for to-morrow would be out of place to-day. Remember that, and also have respect for the comfort of your quietloving neighbors. We dare not expect that the day will dawn and close noiselessly, but, at the very least, let the young men and boys respect the neighborhoods of churches and of hospitals and other places where persons are lying

on beds of pain. Much other advice the Dispatch might give, but long experience has taught us that advice, like medicine, is best liked when given in small doses. So we shall only add that we fervently trust Santa Claus will skip no house in our balliwick; that he may bring joy to every family. good-looking women and gallant men. day-A Happy Christmas to you all.

BRITAIN AND THE CANAL.

As might have been expected, the bearing of the Clayton-Bullver treaty on the question of the construction of the Nicaragua canal is to the fore as a subject of discussion with the British press. In this connection, a recent issue of the five lines or less, \$1; in nonpariel, leaded, London Spectator has an article of especial interest, not to say of especial value. In the article the Spectator not only States its own position in respect of the matter, but briefly summarizes and reviews the attitudes of several of its leading contemporaries. It may, therefore, be said that the Spectator furnishes data from which to draw a pretty correct conclusion as to British popular sentiment touching British rights in the premises, and what policy Britain ought over and above what would be the deof the canal. In the very beginning the Spectator

advances the contention that the United | for the rest of his life. States cannot obtain the control of the canal they desire, unless Great Britain is willing to abandon her rights under the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, and that contention is iterated and reiterated directly or indirectly throughout the article. And, as we understand it, the same contention obtains in the articles the Spectator passes under review. In other words, the British position is that British concession is a condition precedent to our constructing the canal without violating the treaty. As the case

now stands, Great Britain holds that she

has, to berrow the Spectator's expres-

sion, the right to "veto" the canal.

sion-is willing to forego the right of "veto" on certain terms. And after Oyster-fund rec'ts... stating that it has been suggested that Oyster-fund dis'b's. Great Britain might ask compensation | Charter fees for consenting to abrogate the treaty, Fish-nets, receipts. dignified, our London contemporary remarks that it would rather relinquish oceanic canal; (2) that they, and no other that if the United States ever abandon first to Great Britain; (4) that the one half of the "Anglo-Saxon race" holds the waterway between the Mediterranean and the Indian Ocean, nothing could be should hold that between the Atlantic and Pacific; that the treaty has turned out at best to be an instrument of mortmain, and that the acceptance by us of the terms specified would leave Great Britain no possible ground for refusing to give up her treaty rights.

In reviewing the articles of its contemporaries the Spectator quotes the London Times as declaring that "if the freedom of the waterway were secured to ships of all nations, as in the case of the Suez canal, we do not see what object we (Great Britain) should have in standing strictly upon claims which originated when the circumstances were altogether different." The Spectator commends this declaration, tells us that the tone adopted by the St. James Gazette "is not less statesmanlike," and next proceeds to take issue with the Daily Mail, which latter objects to Great Britain's abandoning any of her rights,

and champions joint control of the canal. The Spectator does not think that the Mail's position, when carefully studied, will find Yavor with the British people place, means joint guarantees and joint expenditure, and we do not believe that the people of this country are prepared to spend money in Nicaragua. We have plenty of objects nearer home on which When we can to use our spare cash. get all we want out of an interoceanic canal controlled by America, why should we burden ourselves in the matter? The United States, as the Power most nearly and vitally interested, may think it worth while to construct or help construct the canal, but our interests do not extend so far." In concluding its comments on the Mail's article, the Spectator says that the above is the practical view

to take of the matter. The Dispatch has always been friendly to the proposition to construct the Nicaragua canal, and it would have the great waterway controlled by this country. Yet we recognize that it is not at all clear that Great Britain has not the "veto" power under the Bulwer-Clayton treaty. We have, therefore, thought that it would be wisest to make our starting point a definite understanding with Great Britain. The Spectator's article would seem to indicate that the way is open for such an understanding, and that, too, along lines that would vest the control of the canal in the United States, with an absolute guarantee of immunity from friction between this country and Great Britain. Hence it would appear that those who are engineering the canal question in Congress might do worse than ponder the Spectator's presentation of the case, especially in view of the fact that news comes from both Washington and Londor that the British Government is in accord with British popular sentiment on the issue, and proposes to invite negotiations cannot see that anything would be lost

WOULD BE SATISFIED.

The bills of Congressman Rixey and Senator Butler, the one to open Federal soldiers' homes to Confederate veterans, and the other for the pensioning of Confederate veterans by the United States Government, are not much in favor with

the Virginia press. The Staunton News, for instance, expresses great regret that the bills should have been introduced in Congress, expresses the belief that neither Mr. Rixey nor Mr. Butler represents the true southern sentiment in respect of the matter, and says further:

"It is not by receiving direct pecuniary aid from the government that the Confederate soldiers expect benealts from the government, but by sharing in the blessings of a free government honestly and economically administered. Instead of pensioning Confederate soldiers, the pro-per course is to cut down the lavish and wasteful pensions to Union soldlers. Stop the carnival of pension extravagance, and not Confederate soldlers only, but Economy and justice for the whole people are far better than bountles for the few."

The Charlottesville Progress, in an article along the same lines, discredits the and be assisted in his merry work by all | idea that there is any serious movement in the South to secure "bounty" from the And so we give the pass-word of the United States Government for Confederate veterans, and then adds:

"The demand should be made and persisted in, that the tax-payers of the South should not be burdened with pensioned sutlers and humbugs. Purge the pension lists. Publish them, and let the world know who the pensioners are."

Well put by both of our contemporaries. The South is perfectly willing to bear her part of the burden of pensioning the real Union veterans, although, practically none of the money she contributes for pensions comes back to her. But she is heartly tired of being mulcted at the rate of millions of dollars a year for the support of pension sharks, pseudo veterans, and women and children who have no sort of claim on the "gratitude of the nation," and in order that northern politicians may keep their fences in repair. The amount the South is taxed to pursue with reference to the building mand upon her under a legitimate pension list would enable her to take good care of every needy Confederate veteran

The iniquities of the present pension system rob the Confederate veteran, in that they decrease immensely the ability of the South to provide for him. The South asks no more practical and substantial demonstration of the sincerity of northern fraternal feeling for the South than that this robbing be stopped. We would be perfectly satisfied with that.

A GOOD SHOWING.

The following figures, taken from the reports of the State Treasurer for the years 1897 and 1898, are of interest:

Collections \$3,131,255 35 \$3,200,277 But the Spectator is willing to conces-Balance in hand ... 207,508 05 Criminal expenses .. 285, 384, 41 Officers of gov't 120,525 70 29.584 50 7.823 00 21,442 50

Crabbers' receipts ... Thus it will be seen that the efforts of recent legislatures have not been with British rights out of good will than for out good results. There has been a gratiany quid pro quo, and formulates its fying reduction in criminal expenses, and terms as follows: That (1) within the a slight saving in expenses of government. next ten years the United States should The yield from the oyster-tax has largemake, or obtain the making of, an interaccount of the oyster fund, were \$10,000 less in 1898 than in 1897. New items of Charter fees increased from \$7,823 to \$21,-442-the result of recent legislation. These A happy mean, we are satisfied, will canal should be open at all times are only on account of charters granted be found by the great majority of our to all nations at peace with the by the courts. It is expected that a corpeople, but the precise formula for dis- United States; (5) that the dues responding rate of increase will be shown

> State's financial showing for 1898 is en- He, who shared the Father's glory couraging, though the time has not yet come for the Treasury to realize the full benefit of all the laws passed at the last legislative session.

THE REASON.

A New England contemporary closes as follows an article protesting against increasing the regular army to 190,000 men: "Mr. Hanna talks of keeping down the

size of the navy; why not the army?" Because after Mr. Hanna's Philippine "wards" have been "civilized" by the methods we have employed in civilizing the Indians, the navy cannot be used to overawe the people at home, and promote centralization. Mr. Hanna knows that a regular army of 100,000 men would probably mean eventually militarism in all that that implies with respect of subvert-

ing the will of the masses. It is possible that a regular army of 100,000 men would prove more potential than Hanna's barrels in the hour of Republican need. Therefore, when Imperialists of the Hanna type advocate a big standing army it is not entirely unreasonable to ask whether they do not look bewond the "responsibilities" entailed upon us by the war with Spain.

Scottsburg, Ind., celebrated Xmas-Eve by indulging in a nice, quiet little lynching. The material for the diversion was furnished in the person of one Marion Tyler, who was in jail charged with attempting to murder his wife. Really, it would appear that the peculiar "southern institution" is taking root in Indiana. The people of Indiana, and, indeed, the people of several other Northern States, seem to be rapidly attaining to the high art of lynching, but somehow the northern papers are chary about exploiting the

Ex-Senator Manderson, of Nebraska, is said to be slated for the Russian ambassadorship. He is also said to have voluntarily retired from the Senate to become the general counsel of the Chicago, Bur lington, and Quincy Railroad Company the position he now holds, and which pays him four times a senatorial salary. He is a native of Philadelphia.

There is now a suggestion of Senator Gorman of Maryland, as the next Democratic party nominee for the presidency on a platform renunciatory of all McKinley and his administration have done, particularly with reference to "the conduct of the war, and emphatically condemnatory of the selection and reten tion in office of Alger.

Not only police officers, but other good citizens, should be prompt to-day to warn off all noisy boys who appear in the neighborhoods of churches where ser vices are being held, or in the vicinity of hospitals, or other houses where there are sick persons. Public opinion will no sustain our authorities in exercising un due leniency where religious worship disturbed, or the sick are worried b cannonlike explosions or ear-piercing ti horns. We suppose justice will have to be blind to some of the occurrences of the day, but it should not close its eyes t the wood invasion of the rights of peaceable people by boys or young men.

THE CAKE-WALK FAD.

Cake-walks are the fad of the hour. They have come in with a rush and pervade all strata of society. London is chuckling over them and the bon ton of Chicago and New York have added the weight of their sanction to the entertainment. Indeed, some of the "upper ten" in the latter city recently issued invitations in which they asked aristocratic friends of the Caucasian race to join in such a "sauffle."

But the cake-walk primarily suggests colored society and its humorous features are supposed to have had their origin with this happy-go-lucky race. At the recent entertainment which was given in this city, Mr. Polk Miller, who has for years made the darky a study, announced that the fad-or, rather the subject matter of the fad-was of postbellum origin and that it first saw the light in Henrico county. We should judge that our genial friend is correct in his statement. Certainly, the show given here last week, though brimful of fun and merriment, was not suggestive of the old-time negro. The participants, though well trained and by no means lacking in skill, were not types of the darky our fathers knew. They represented the new race, which has sprung into existence since the war. The women who appeared were not creators of Terpsichorean novelties, but imitators-and very good imitators-of their white mistresse and friends. On the whole, the men were far more ridiculous, but their antics hardly equalled those of the professional burnt-cork artist, and showed that theatrical minstrelry had been their crite-

The English public are ever eager to welcome negro melodies and supposed imitations of the darky in their t-eatres and dance halls, but their ideas of the Afro-American are most erroneous and the play-going public are easily imposed upon. It is said by Americans who have seen this feature of English entertainments that a southerner would be astonished at the bogus darky with whom the Londoners are amused. He would hardly be recognized as a negro at all and his dialect is an absolute absurdity.

After all, however, the negro melodies which, with rare exceptions, owe their creation to white people, are popular more on account of the sweetness of their music than for the ideas they suggest. It is an unwritten law of minstrelry that the words to a certain class of vocal music should be couched in the negro dialect. And thus the darky, among foreigners, gets the reputation of being a most romantic individual, whereas, in fact, the very songs in which he most excels are composed by white people. But, at any rate, the cake-walk is verharmless, jolly, and exhilarating, and serves as a care dispeller, so its presence

It is announced that Judge Goff is again out of the West Virginia senatorial race. Judge Goff gets out of the West Virginia senatorial race with the same occasional and semi-occasional regularity that characterises the exit from this mundane sphere of the Mudir of Dongola.

among us can cause no evil.

The Christmas No. of the Bedford Democrat appeared with a handsome cover, illustrated in colors. We congratulate the Democrat on its enterprise.

The Roanoke Evening World, which was born during the "boom times," has just passed its ninth birthday, and its prospects are brighter than ever before.

The Saviour's Birth. (New York Observer.)

Left His home and came to earth. O! how wonderful the story Of our loving Saviour's birth.

Wise men came with costly treasure, Came to seek Him from afar; Sought and found Him! boundless plea-

Found Him 'neath their guiding star.

Human need and mercy, meeting—
Hope could rise triumphant then.
Angels brought the joyous greeting—
"Peace on earth, good will toward men,"
—JOHN M. MORSE.

A Spirited Informer.

story about Wellman's alleged domestic gushingly remarked: Quester: From Brimmer. I met him last evening, and he told me that his

information was derived from a long interview with Wellman's porter. Jester: Porter, ch? Well, I happened to be there myself at the time, and knew it was Cognac he interviewed, and plenty

of it. His story is about as straight as he was when he went home. Praise for the Departed.

Mrs. Down: In contemplating the changes of fashion I always feel a pang

SCROFULA

It is Foul Blood's Advertisement

But It is Soon Cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Yes, Scrofula, if anything, may be called the advertisement of foul blood. It is the scourge of the world - offensive, painful, debilitating, stubborn and well nigh unendurable.

Outward applications do not cure, they only drive the difficulty to new quarters. Emollients may palliate, they cannot abolish the evil. There is but one sure way out, and that is to eliminate the taint from the blood.

There is one remedy that can effect this, and it is the only one that, so far as we know, has almost invariably succeeded even where the system has been poisoned by long years of taint, and the ravages to be repaired are tremendous. That remedy is Hood's Sarsaparilla. Read this: "My daughter was afflicted with im-

pure blood. There were running sores all over her body and they caused her much suffering. We tried medicines that were recommended as blood purifiers, but could not see that they did any good. A friend told me about Hood's Sarsaparilla and I began giving the girl this medicine. The result was that she was perfectly cured after taking a few bottles. She has had no symptoms of scrofula sores since that time." MARIETTA M. SMITH, South Middleboro, Mass.

Sarsa-Hood's parilla Is the best-in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Insist upon Hood's; take no substitute. Hood's Pills act harmoniously with

FATHER THREE SONS

much CUTICURA REMEDIES have done for me my father and two brothers. In the fall of '95, I began to be afflicted with an itching rash under my chin. It kept spreading until it was all over my body. I could not sleep but was compelled to lie awake and scratch all the time. My father and two brothers were afflicted with the same thing, at the same time. We all suffered terribly for a year and a half, trying in the meantime all the remedies we could find, but received no benefit. I hap and how they had cured others from itching skin diseases, and we thought we would try them. I bought three cakes of Curioura Soar and three boxes of Curicuna (ointment) and they cured the four of us completely.

Any person doubting the truth of this statement can write me. RICHARD ANDERSON, Feb. 22, '98. Geneva, Box Elder Co., Utah.

ECZEMA FOR YEARS CURED BY CUTICURA

I had an attack of Eczema several years ago and found myself in the clutches of a monster whose business it was to torture me and make life miserable. CUTICERA REMEDIES were recommended to me by my druggist, Mr. T. P. Van Winkle of Hartford City, Ind. I used altogether three bottles of CUTICURA RESOL-VENT, with frequent baths with CUTICURA SOAP, and the use of the CUTICURA (cintment), and in four mouths found myself cured Feb. 23, 1898. DAVID COLE, Roll, Ind.

SPERRY CURR TREATMEST FOR TORTURING, DISPIG-URING HUMORS. -- Werm baths with CUTICURA SOAR gentle anointings with CUTICURA jointment, jurest of emollient skin cares, and mild does of CUTICURA RE SOLVENT, greatest of blood purifiers and humor cures.

Sold throughout the world. Porter Davo And Chass. Conr., Sole Props., Heston. ast" How to Cure Torturing Skin Diseases," free. of regret when I reflect on the departure of the old-fashioned bustle; one never

waolly despaired when that was in use; it inspired a feeling of supreme confi-Mrs. Gown: In what way? Mrs. Down: Why, one always felt as if

Accidental Truth. "Where do you get your tights," he asked,

there was something to fall back on.

As coming from the play; The actor absently replied, "At Mulligan's Cafe."

Too Much So.

Editor: Don't despair, young man, be cause your articles do not meet with instant approval; keep on trying; our columns are always open to you.

Young Writer: Yes, but they seem to be so awfully wide open that all my contrions sup clear through.

Corrected.

As Garry, who had been frequently reproved for his over-indulgences, was handing a friend a glass of the "crathur" surreptitiously taken from his employer's decanter, the glass suddenly slipped from decanter, the glass suddenly slipped from this hands and fell with a crash to the floor. With a look of superstitious dread J. H. Fox, on Monday. on his face, Garry tremblingly remarked: "Be me conshinse, Moike, but isn't that a warnin' to me niver to dhrink anither

warnin' to ye niver to drap anither dhrink."

Personal Endorsement.

Lessing: Fieldman and I had an argument last evening, during the course of which he made the assertion that there clal.)-The Christmas holidays dawn upon had been a decadence of greatness in the us with no promise of anything out of Found the Christ, the new-born King! Lowly were the scenes around Him, But His greatness we can sing.

In an been a decadence of greatness in the line of ordinary for our people. It is greatness we can sing.

In an been a decadence of greatness in the line of ordinary for our people. On Tuesday evening to the line of ground, and maintained that our great On Tuesday evening the Masonic framen had been on the increase of late Don't you agree with me?

Fuller: Certainly; why I've gained twelve pounds myself in the last two months. the form of refreshments in the dining-room of Hotel Star.

The Ladies' Ald Society of the Metho-

She Forced a Climax.

They had been keeping company for about four years, and though his poet's soul yearned to tell her all, it never seemed courageous enough to take aim beyond the limits of innuendo. One evening lately they were basking in the moonlight together, and after a long interval of silence, during which the bask Jester: Where did you get this absurd had become quite frayed on the edges, he

"Ah, Helvetia, how often I reflect on the truth of those words of Moore's, 'There's nothing half so sweet in life as Love's young dream."

'Very true, Horatio, while the dream is young," she replied, "but it seems to me that when the dream has accumulated the moss of four years, it would be a heap sweeter to turn it into a reality." Whereupon he talked business, and the contract was scaled on the spot.

Ubiquitous Man.

Man is ubiquitous; it stands Quite proved in this rhyme; For oft he is in foreign lands And homesick at the time.

A Natural Alternative.

Jack: If you've got any influence with Santy Claus, pa, I wish you'd tell him that if he'll bring me a pair of skates and a bicycle I'll be an awful good boy. Pa: And what will you be, Jack, if he shouldn't happen to bring you what you

Jack: Terribly disappointed, pa.

Will Re-Enlist for Manila, LEAVENWORTH, KAN., December 24. Two hundred soldiers who enlisted for

two years, or during the war with S were discharged from the fantry here to-day, and paid off. Most of them will re-enlist for the Manila trip. The regiment, which has been ordered to the Philippines, expects to leave here for San Francisco on January 19th. Standard OH Book Matter.

CLEVELAND, O., December 24.—According to Attorney Tolles, one of the Standard oil legal representatives, non- of the books of the company which are wanted for examination under the Ohlo Supreme Court's recent order have been destroyed. He says that only useless re cords or books have been burned. Quiet Lynching in Indiana.

SCOTTSBURG, IND., December 21. Marion Tyler was very quietly lynche here to-day for attempting to kill h wife several weeks ago. This is the firs hanging in the history of Scott county either lawful or by lynchers. Fourth-Class Postmasters,

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 24.

Fourth-class postmasters were appointe in the Southern States to-day as follow: Georgia-Nettle Kilcrease, Doyle; Au relia Halloman, Sandy Point, Tennessee-Peyton Nance, Jefferson. Virginia-John W. Fisher, Inc. Bears the The Kind You Have Always Bour of Charlet The Kind You Have Always Bour of Charlet The Kind You Have Always Bour

HANGED HIS WIFE.

SENSATIONAL MURDER BY A RALEIGH NEGRO.

HE RUNS PROM THE OFFICERS, But is Shot by a Deputy Sheriff and Finally Brought to Bay-A Crude Surgical Operation Was Then Per-

formed.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 24 .- (Special.)-A murder, with sensational features, was committed in the suburbs of Raleigh last night, but was not discovered until late this afternoon. Alexander Allen, a negro aged 45 years, this morn- baking is necessary to make your ing informed his neighbors that his wife had died last night. Those who prepared the body for burlal were astonished to see blood running from the ears and Year dinner. We have everything nose. Upon further examination it was developed that Allen had murdered his wife by hanging her, and had then placed her body in bed. The Coroner and two deputy sheriffs went to the place this afternoon. As they came up Allen ran. Deputy Potter shot him, the bullet passing into the fleshy part of the thigh. Despite the wound, Allen continued his flight, but the Coroner took off his coat and ran him down, and then with a pocket knife cut out the bullet. Allen was at 6 o'clock placed in jail. The inquest will be held to-morrow.

SCOTTSVILLE.

A Desirable Cold Snap-Personal Mention.

SCOTTSVILLE, VA. December 24 .-(Special.)-A sudden change in the temperature yesterday afternoon brought frost and ice last night, which was very desirable for preservation of the large amount of meats recently killed.

Mr. J. W. Heath, of Norwood, who stopped here to see his parents, Mr. T. S. Heath and wife, last Monday, returned to-day from Richmond, and will spend his Christmas here.
Rev. L. T. Hitt and family, who have

been on a several weeks' visit to North Carolina, returned home, here, to-day, and found, on reaching the Methodist parsonage, that it was occupied by a large number of highly excited people of his congregation, who pounded him gen-

Mr. Jesse F. Heath, of Norfolk, is here to spend the Christmas holidays, at his Captain L. M. Pitts, of Elk Hill, is here, on a visit to his father, Mr. Jonathan

Pitts, and family. Mr. Leslie H. Martin, of Washington, C., arrived at his mother's Fairview, to-day, to spend the Christ-mas holldays.

Our town was very full of people to-lay, getting their "Christmas tricks." Mr. W. J. Kent, of Antloch, Fluvanna, was here to-day.

Messrs. F. T. Hill, Jere Cleveland, and

Charles Anderson are in Richmond to-Miss Sarah Walker, who has been sick a good while, is said to be very ill just now and not expected to live long.

Mr. W. P. Pitts, of Ore Banks, Buckingham, is here to spend the Christmas Misses Emma and Sallie Gantt, who

drap?"
"More loike," returned Mike, with a Christmas holidays at "Woodstock," the look of keen disappointment, "it's a home of their uncle, W. M. Lewis, Esq.

OUT IN HIGHLAND. Preparations for Xmas Entertain-

ments-Personal. MONTEREY, VA., December 24 .- (Spe-

the Commercial Hotel. On Wednesday evening the Presbyterians will give the children of that Sunday school a treat in

dist Episcopal church, South, is billed for a two-nights' entertainment at the court-house on Friday and Saturday, the proceeds to go toward making up their subscription to the new church, dedicated last Sunday. Seven hundred and fifty dollars, the balance necessary to free the church from debt, was subscribed, and the beautiful house of worship was formally dedicated, free from all financial embarrassment.
The damp, warm weather of the past

which are larger than for many years. It is estimated that, of dressed poultry alone, there will be sent from Monterey

this season about 250,000 pounds.

Edwin B. and Miss Phoebe Dice Jones, son and daughter of Hon. Charles P. Jones, are at home from the University and the Randolph-Macon Woman's College, respectively.
Miss Josephine Stephenson was at

Staunton this week, and returned on Thursday, accompanied by her brothers, Boyd and Homer, who are on vacation from Pantops Academy, Miss Margery Bogg, a young lady from Franklin, W. Va., who is attending the Mary Baldwin Seminary at Staunton, passed through Monterey on Friday en route to her home to spend the festive

Edward Jackson, from Ronceverte, W. Va., was in Highland on Thursday and Friday last. Miss Elva, who had been sojourning at Dunmore, W. Va., for several weeks, is

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